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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

Perry, Christopher

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EXAMINER: Ibrahim, Medina Ahmed

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FOR: Inbred Maize Line NP2171

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 10, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 4~~5~~.

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) A maize plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the plant according to claim 2.